**List of countries where English is an official language**

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The following is a list of [sovereign states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereign_state) and [territories](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territory_(country_subdivision)) where [English](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_language) is an [official language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_language) or language of government. In 2012, there were 88 states in total (60 sovereign states and 28 non-sovereign states).

In many countries English is the dominant language, but does not have official status -- this includes three of the most important English-speaking countries: namely [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia), the [United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom), and the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States). In four of the other most important English-speaking countries, English is co-official with a second language (or languages): in [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada) with [French](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_language), [New Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) with [Maori](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maori_language), the [Republic of Ireland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland) with [Irish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_language), and [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) with [Afrikaans and several African languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_languages_of_South_Africa). Furthermore, English has official status in four of the [world's most populous countries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_population), although it is not spoken natively: [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), [Nigeria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria), [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan), and the [Philippines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines).

In [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia), English is spoken by the vast majority of the population and is the only language used in [government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government) institutions, but Australia does not have an official language. The case is the same in the [United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) and the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), though many [states and regions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English-only_movement#Current_law) within the U.S. do have English as an official language. English is the dominant language of [New Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) and an official language of [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada) (along with [French](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_language)),[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-1) [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) (along with [Hindi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi_language) and several other languages), [Ireland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland) (along with [Irish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_language)), and the [Philippines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines) (along with [Tagalog](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tagalog_language)).[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-Philippines-2) English is the sole official language of the [Commonwealth of Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_of_Nations) and the [Commonwealth Games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_Games). English is one of the official languages of [the United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_United_Nations), the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union) and the [International Olympic Committee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Olympic_Committee).

Many of these countries are current or former colonies or dependencies of the [United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) (see also [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire)), or of the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), itself a former colony of the UK. Notable exceptions include [Rwanda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwanda), which was a former [Belgian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium) colony and [Eritrea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eritrea), which was an [Italian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Empire) colony where the [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) spanned its control only in [World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_African_Campaign_(World_War_II)) and shortly after (1941-1952).

India's linguistic picture is complex. According to the [Constitution of India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_India), "[Hindi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi) in the [Devanagari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devanagari) script" is the official language of the union;[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-3) and English the 'subsidiary official language';[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-english-subsidiary-4) however, English is mandated for the authoritative texts of all federal laws and Supreme Court decisions and (along with Hindi) is one of the two languages of the [Indian Parliament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Parliament). English is used almost exclusively for higher education, business and science. Courses in majority of the schools are taught exclusively in English. English is extensively used for administrative purposes in India. India is the second-largest English-speaking country in the world by number of speakers, after the United States. As such, many consider English to be the *de facto* official language of India.[*[citation needed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed" \o "Wikipedia:Citation needed)*] See [Official languages of India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_languages_of_India).

The linguistic makeup of [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) is similarly complex. While the national language is [Urdu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urdu), English is an official language and used in business, government and law.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-5) English is a compulsory language in schools. All school courses are taught in English.[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) is the [9th largest English-speaking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_English-speaking_population#List_in_order_of_total_speakers) country in the world by population.[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-6)

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| Countries where English is a [de jure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_jure)/[official language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_language) | | |
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| **Country** | **Region** | **Population**[1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_population) |
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| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/93/Flag_of_the_Bahamas.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Bahamas.svg.png[Bahamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bahamas)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Caribbean | 331,000 |
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| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e7/Flag_of_Belize.svg/23px-Flag_of_Belize.svg.png[Belize](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belize) [[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | Central America / Caribbean | 288,000 |
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| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/4/41/Flag_of_India.svg/23px-Flag_of_India.svg.png[India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9)[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-11) | Asia | 1,247,540,000 |
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| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fc/Flag_of_Seychelles.svg/23px-Flag_of_Seychelles.svg.png[Seychelles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seychelles)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa / Indian Ocean | 87,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/17/Flag_of_Sierra_Leone.svg/23px-Flag_of_Sierra_Leone.svg.png[Sierra Leone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Leone)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 5,866,000 |
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| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/af/Flag_of_South_Africa.svg/23px-Flag_of_South_Africa.svg.png[South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa)[[25]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-SouthAfrica-25) | Africa | 47,850,700 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7a/Flag_of_South_Sudan.svg/23px-Flag_of_South_Sudan.svg.png[South Sudan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Sudan)[[26]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-SouthSudan-26) | Africa | 8,260,490 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/01/Flag_of_Sudan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Sudan.svg.png[Sudan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudan)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 31,894,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1e/Flag_of_Swaziland.svg/23px-Flag_of_Swaziland.svg.png[Swaziland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swaziland)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 1,141,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/38/Flag_of_Tanzania.svg/23px-Flag_of_Tanzania.svg.png[Tanzania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanzania)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 40,454,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Tonga.svg/23px-Flag_of_Tonga.svg.png[Tonga](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonga)[[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-27) | Oceania | 100,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/64/Flag_of_Trinidad_and_Tobago.svg/23px-Flag_of_Trinidad_and_Tobago.svg.png[Trinidad and Tobago](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinidad_and_Tobago)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Caribbean | 1,333,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/38/Flag_of_Tuvalu.svg/23px-Flag_of_Tuvalu.svg.png[Tuvalu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuvalu)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | Oceania | 11,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4e/Flag_of_Uganda.svg/23px-Flag_of_Uganda.svg.png[Uganda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uganda)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 30,884,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/bc/Flag_of_Vanuatu.svg/23px-Flag_of_Vanuatu.svg.png[Vanuatu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanuatu)[[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-28) | Oceania | 226,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Flag_of_Zambia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Zambia.svg.png[Zambia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zambia)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 11,922,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6a/Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg/23px-Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg.png[Zimbabwe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimbabwe)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Africa | 13,349,000 |

| Countries where English is the [de facto](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_facto) language | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Country** | **Region** | **Population**[1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_population) |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/b9/Flag_of_Australia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Australia.svg.png[Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia)[[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-aus-lang-29) | Australia / Oceania | 22,930,576 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/ae/Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg.png[United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) | Europe | 61,612,300 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png[United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) | North America | 309,442,000 |

**Non-sovereign entities[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language&action=edit&section=2)**]**

| **Entity** | **Region** | **Population**[1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_population) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/87/Flag_of_American_Samoa.svg/23px-Flag_of_American_Samoa.svg.png[American Samoa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Samoa)[11](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_amersamoa) | Oceania | 67,700 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b4/Flag_of_Anguilla.svg/23px-Flag_of_Anguilla.svg.png[Anguilla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anguilla)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Caribbean | 13,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/bf/Flag_of_Bermuda.svg/23px-Flag_of_Bermuda.svg.png[Bermuda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bermuda)[9](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_bermuda)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | North America | 65,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/42/Flag_of_the_British_Virgin_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_British_Virgin_Islands.svg.png[British Virgin Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Virgin_Islands)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Caribbean | 23,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/0f/Flag_of_the_Cayman_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Cayman_Islands.svg.png[Cayman Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cayman_Islands) [[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | Caribbean | 47,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/67/Flag_of_Christmas_Island.svg/23px-Flag_of_Christmas_Island.svg.png[Christmas Island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_Island)[12](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_xmas)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Australia | 1,508 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/74/Flag_of_the_Cocos_%28Keeling%29_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Cocos_%28Keeling%29_Islands.svg.png[Cocos (Keeling) Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cocos_(Keeling)_Islands)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Australia | 596 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/35/Flag_of_the_Cook_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Cook_Islands.svg.png[Cook Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cook_Islands)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Oceania | 20,200 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/83/Flag_of_the_Falkland_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Falkland_Islands.svg.png[Falkland Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falkland_Islands) | South Atlantic | 3,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/02/Flag_of_Gibraltar.svg/23px-Flag_of_Gibraltar.svg.png[Gibraltar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibraltar)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Europe | 29,257 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/07/Flag_of_Guam.svg/23px-Flag_of_Guam.svg.png[Guam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guam)[4](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_guam) | Oceania | 173,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fa/Flag_of_Guernsey.svg/23px-Flag_of_Guernsey.svg.png[Guernsey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guernsey)[10](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_guernsey) | Europe | 61,811 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5b/Flag_of_Hong_Kong.svg/23px-Flag_of_Hong_Kong.svg.png[Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong)[2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_hongkong)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Asia | 7,097,600 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/bc/Flag_of_the_Isle_of_Man.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Isle_of_Man.svg.png[Isle of Man](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Man)[8](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_isleofman) | Europe | 80,058 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1c/Flag_of_Jersey.svg/23px-Flag_of_Jersey.svg.png[Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey)[6](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_jersey)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Europe | 89,300 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d0/Flag_of_Montserrat.svg/23px-Flag_of_Montserrat.svg.png[Montserrat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montserrat)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | Caribbean | 5,900 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/01/Flag_of_Niue.svg/23px-Flag_of_Niue.svg.png[Niue](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niue)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Oceania | 1,600 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/48/Flag_of_Norfolk_Island.svg/23px-Flag_of_Norfolk_Island.svg.png[Norfolk Island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norfolk_Island)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Australia | 1,828 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e0/Flag_of_the_Northern_Mariana_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Northern_Mariana_Islands.svg.png[Northern Mariana Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Mariana_Islands)[7](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_northernmariana) | Oceania | 53,883 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/88/Flag_of_the_Pitcairn_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Pitcairn_Islands.svg.png[Pitcairn Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitcairn_Islands)[13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_pitcairn)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Oceania | 50 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/28/Flag_of_Puerto_Rico.svg/23px-Flag_of_Puerto_Rico.svg.png[Puerto Rico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rico)[3](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_puertorico) | Caribbean | 3,991,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/ae/Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg.png[Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Helena,_Ascension_and_Tristan_da_Cunha)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | South Atlantic | 5,660 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d3/Flag_of_Sint_Maarten.svg/23px-Flag_of_Sint_Maarten.svg.png[Sint Maarten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sint_Maarten) | Caribbean | 40,900 |
| [Colombia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombia)[San Andrés y Providencia, Colombia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Andr%C3%A9s_y_Providencia) [[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-30) | Caribbean | 59,573 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8e/Flag_of_Tokelau.svg/23px-Flag_of_Tokelau.svg.png[Tokelau](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokelau)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAusage-9) | Oceania | 1,400 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a0/Flag_of_the_Turks_and_Caicos_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Turks_and_Caicos_Islands.svg.png[Turks and Caicos Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turks_and_Caicos_Islands)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#cite_note-CIAofficial-7) | Caribbean | 26,000 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f8/Flag_of_the_United_States_Virgin_Islands.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_States_Virgin_Islands.svg.png[U.S. Virgin Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Virgin_Islands)[5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_where_English_is_an_official_language#endnote_usvirginislands) | Caribbean | 111,000 |